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SUBJECT: BELGIAN EXPORT RESTRICTIONS

REF: STATE 291035, BRUSSELS 954 OF 2/13/74

1. WITH AN ECONOMY HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON EXPORTS BELGIUM EXERCISES A MINIMUM OF CONTROL OVER ITS FOREIGN TRADE. IT HAS NO RPT NO EXPORT TAXES, FEES, OR NATIONAL QUOTAS, AND REQUIRES EXPORT LICENSING FOR ONLY ABOUT TEN PERCENT OF BTN LIST. ALMOST ALL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS WHICH DO EXIST ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO EC AND COCOM AGREEMENTS. ONLY LICENSING REQUIREMENTS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DISTINGUISH BEYOND THESE CATEGORIES AS STRICTLY BELGIAN ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2. A. DIAMONDS, BOTH NATURAL AND SYNTHETIC (.71.01 THROUGH .04).

B.(1)

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C. LONGSTANDING. INTRODUCED MANY YEARS AGO, POSSIBLY IN

THE LAST CENTURY.

D. (2)

E. (8) SERVES AS A CONTROL, TO COUNTER FALSE
INVOICING.

F. (3)

3. A. USED AIRCRAFT (88.02B)

B. (1)

C. ABOUT 1960

D. (2)

E. (8) BEGUN DURING CONGO UPHEAVAL AND MAINTAINED
TO SUPPORT GENERAL POLICY OBJECTVES; SIMILAR TO U.S. PRACTICE.

F. (3)

4. A. PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.

B (1)

C. 10/19/73

D. (1) REPEALED MAY-JUNE 1974.

E. (1), (2), (8) STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

F. (3)

5. A. POTATOES (07.01A)

B. (1)

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D. (2)

E. (1), (2)

F. (3)

6. A. ALL FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

B. (1)

C. LONGSTANDING

D. (2)

E.(5), (8) LICENSING USED STRICTLY TO ENFORCE
QUALITY CONTROL IN ORDER TO MEET EC STANDARDS
AND PROTECT REPUTATION BELGIAN AGRICULTURAL
EXPORTS.

7. EMBASSY POUCHING TO DEPARTMENT LIST OF ALL ITEMS
REQUIRING BELGIAN EXPORT LICENSING AS OF 1/1/76.

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